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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claims 1 and 7 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method to prill a shear-thinnable mixture comprising the steps of:

- A2
- a) providing a molten first component;
  - b) mixing at least a second component with said molten first component;
  - c) reacting said components at a temperature and for a time sufficient to form a shear-thinnable mixture;
  - d) mechanically agitating said shear-thinnable mixture at a rate of at least 200 revolutions per minute in a prill head to shear thin said shear-thinnable mixture; and
  - e) permitting said shear-thinned mixture to flow through holes in said prill head under the influence of a force selected from the group consisting of static pressure and centrifugal force.
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7. (Amended) A method to prill a shear-thinnable mixture through small prill holes comprising the steps of:

- A3
- a) providing a molten first component;
  - b) mixing at least a second component with said molten first component;
  - c) reacting said components at a temperature and for a time sufficient to form a shear-thinnable mixture;
  - d) mechanically agitating said shear-thinnable mixture at a rotational speed of at least 200 revolutions per minute in a prill head to shear thin said shear-thinnable mixture;
  - e) wiping the surface of said prill head with surface wiping blades; and
  - f) permitting said shear-thinned mixture to flow through small holes in said prill head under the influence of a force selected from the group consisting of static pressure or centrifugal force.
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Please add claims 14 through 17 that follow.

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✓ 14. The prilling method according to claims 1 and 7, wherein essentially the entire liquid volume in said prill head is swept by an agitator.

15. The prilling method according to claims 3 and 8, wherein the reaction time is about 10 minutes to about 15 minutes.

A4 16. The prilling method according to claims 3 and 8, wherein the reaction temperature is at least about 180°C to about 200°C.

17. The prilling method according to claims 3 and 8, wherein the ammonium nitrate and the ammonium sulfate are present in equimolar amounts.